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SUBJECT: INACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE

REF: USNAHALO/PARIS FRANCE MESSAGE DTG 042230Z DEC 75.

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1. OBVIOUSLY, THIS MISSION IS NOT COMPETENT TO ADDRESS

THE MILITARY SUPPLY RELATED QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT LEAVE UNCHALLENGED THE CHARACTERIZATIONS ABOUT THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH THE AUTHOR HAS INCLUDED IN THE MESSAGE. THESE ARE AT BEST MIS-LEADING, AND AT WORST COULD BE DAMAGING TO US INTERESTS WERE THE NATURE OF THESE CHARACTERIZATIONS TO PASS EVEN ACCIDENTALLY INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

2. THE OBJECTIONABLE PORTION OF REFTEL READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. EVEN FROM A LAYMAN'S VIEW, ITALY CLEARLY HAS, OR IS UNDER COMMUNIST INFLUENCE. ONE COULD READILY CONCLUDE BY A VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY THAT IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME (UNLESS SOME DRASTIC CHANGES ARE MADE) UNTIL IT IS UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL. END QUOTE. WHILE THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION IS ADMITTEDLY A CAUSE FOR CONCERN FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, THE REALITIES OF THE CURRENT SITUATION CLEARLY DO NOT SUPPORT THE ALLEGATION THAT ITALY IS UNDER COMMUNIST INFLUENCE. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT IMPRECISE POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF THIS TYPE RECEIVED SUCH WIDE DISSEMINATION.VOLPE

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